

Report to: Place Scrutiny Committee
Date of meeting: 20 November 2019
By: Director of Communities, Economy and Transport
Title: Update - Scrutiny Review of the effectiveness of School Travel Plans
Purpose: To provide the committee with an update on the recommendations identified through the review of the effectiveness of School Travel Plans.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

- (1) Note the updates in relation to the agreed recommendations identified through the review of the effectiveness of School Travel Plans, as set out in Appendix 2.**
 - (2) Note the potential opportunities in relation to school travel regarding future transport infrastructure projects and initiatives.**
-

1. Background

1.1 The Place Scrutiny Committee, at a meeting on 19 March 2019, outlined a series of seven recommendations, which were developed by a Review Board and Communities, Economy and Transport (CET) officers to scrutinise the effectiveness of School Travel Plans. The Review recommendations encompassed the monitoring of School Travel Plans secured through the planning process, and the existing information available in relation to school travel initiatives and school travel guidance for schools, parents and carers. These are as outlined in Appendix 1.

1.2 The Review Board was comprised of three members of the Place Scrutiny Committee: Councillors Claire Dowling, Nigel Enever and Godfrey Daniel, alongside officers across the teams of Strategic Economic Infrastructure (SEI), Transport Development Control (TDC) and Planning Policy & Development Management.

1.3 The seven recommendations were agreed, alongside a commitment to provide updates on progress in relation to these.

2. Supporting information

2.1 The agreed recommendations are as outlined in Appendix 2, alongside an update on progress.

2.2 In addition to the seven recommendations, we will publish our Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) shortly. This will outline a number of potential transport infrastructure projects to support greater levels of cycling and walking, alongside initiatives to encourage and enable people to start using these travel modes for everyday journeys. Some of the proposals will benefit schools and capitalise on the existing work which is being undertaken. The LCWIP will be used to support future applications for government funding.

3. Conclusion

3.1 The Committee is asked to note the updates to the recommendations and to acknowledge that future opportunities for school travel initiatives to support cycling and walking will be managed through the County Council's LCWIP, for which the SEI team will be seeking approval from the Lead Member for Transport & Environment early in 2020.

RUPERT CLUBB

Director of Communities, Economy and Transport

Contact Officer: James Harris

Telephone Number: 01273 482158

Email: james.harris@eastsussex.gov.uk

LOCAL MEMBERS

ALL

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Scrutiny Review of the Effectiveness of School Travel Plans. March 2019.